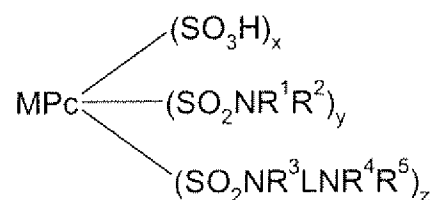


**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A mixture of phthalocyanine dyes of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein M is Cu or Ni; Pc represents a phthalocyanine nucleus; L is, for example, C<sub>1-20</sub> alkylene; R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently are H or optionally substituted C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; R<sup>5</sup> is H or an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl; or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent an optionally substituted aliphatic or aromatic ring system; x, y and z are each 0.1 to 3.8 where the sum of (x+y+z) is 4; and the substituents, represented by x, y and z, are attached only to a β-position on the phthalocyanine ring. This mixture can be used to make inks suitable for use in an ink jet printer.